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lian law reports, official and otherwise," is a valuable contribution to the bibliography of foreign law.

At the joint sessions were read the following papers: "Economic conditions of the twentieth century," Dr. Clinton R. Woodruff, secretary National Municipal League, Philadelphia; "The library of the Bureau of Railway Economics in its interlibrary relations," R. H. Johnston, librarian; "Library by-products," Miss Joanna G. Strange, New York Public Library.

The following officers were elected to serve during the year 1916-1917:

President, Luther E. Hewitt, Law Association of Philadelphia.

First Vice-President, J. C. Robertson, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Second Vice-President, Miss Mary K. Ray, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Secretary, Miss Gertrude Elstner Woodard, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Treasurer, Edward H. Redstone, Social Law Library, Boston, Mass.

Executive Committee: Gilson G. Glazier, Madison, Wisc.; George S. Godard, Hartford, Conn.; C. Will Shaffer, Olympia, Wash.

The Association passed resolutions of appreciation of the work of the officers of the American Library Association and of the local committees which made its sessions not only profitable and successful but extremely enjoyable as well.

Full proceedings will appear in the "Law library journal."

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

FIRST SESSION

The eighth annual meeting of the Special Libraries Association was called to order by the president, Andrew Linn Bostwick, in the Palm Room of the New Monterey hotel, Asbury Park, N. J., June 28, at 9:30 a.m. President Bostwick made a few introductory remarks and gave a very interesting résumé of the activities of the Association during the past year, making special mention of work of the membership committee and the efforts of the Executive Board to devise a practical scheme for the publication of the magazine "Special libraries" without expense to the managing editor. The report of the membership committee and the discussion of the publication of "Special libraries" was continued to the regular business session.

Owing to the absence of Mr. D. C. Buell of Omaha his paper entitled "Sources of information for the business man" was read by Mr. Samuel H. Ranck, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dr. C. C. Williamson, Municipal Reference Library of New York City, presented

a paper entitled "Public officials and the special library."

This was followed by a brief discussion of a printed paper on the subject "Standardization of a library unit system," by George W. Lee, librarian, Stone and Webster, Boston.

After informal discussion from the floor Miss Rhea King, librarian of the Retail Credit Co., of Atlanta, Georgia, read a very interesting paper entitled "The system used by the Retail Credit Co. to develop employees."

"The Editorial office—a new field for librarians" was the title of a talk given by Miss Renée B. Stern, of the Mothers' Magazine, Elgin, Illinois.

In the absence of Dr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, chairman of the Committee on a national center for municipal information, the report of the Committee was read by President Bostwick and action deferred until the final business session.

At the close of these papers the president announced the appointment of the following committees:

Auditing Committee: George W. Lee, Dr. C. C. Williamson.

Nominating Committee: O. E. Norman, K. C. Walker, Renée B. Stern.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

SECOND SESSION

The second session was called to order by the president in the parlor of the Columbia Hotel, on the evening of June 28. This meeting was given over to a series of Round Table discussions, a half hour being devoted to each of four subjects. Miss Elizabeth V. Dobbins presided at the discussion of the "Treatment of pamphlets." Mr. D. N. Handy led the conference on "Special libraries employees." Miss Marian R. Glenn conducted the "Classification systems" round table. H. H. B. Meyer had charge of "Co-operation in bibliographical work" and "Special library publicity" was handled by Brainerd Dyer.

At the close of these discussions the meeting adjourned to Friday, 9:30 a.m.

THIRD SESSION

President Bostwick called the third session to order in the Parlor of the Columbia Hotel at 9:30 a.m., June 30.

Kenneth C. Walker, technology librarian New Haven Public Library, read a paper entitled "Co-operation between special libraries and the engineering profession."

The "Public affairs information service" was discussed by John A. Lapp.

Mr. Ralph L. Powers, librarian College of Business Administration, Boston University, presented a paper "The special library and the student of business."

Mr. Frederick Rex, librarian of the Municipal Reference Library of Chicago, was not able to be present to deliver his paper on "The municipal reference library as a public utility." A typewritten copy of the paper was in the hands of the president and on the recommendation of the Association the paper was ordered printed in "Special libraries."

"The work of the Detroit Edison Co. Library" was well presented by Miss Maud A. Carabin, librarian of the company.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

FOURTH SESSION

The annual business meeting was held in the Palm Room of the New Monterey Hotel at 2 p. m., June 30. President Bostwick in the chair.

The secretary-treasurer presented the financial report for the year and on motion properly made and passed the report was accepted.

At this point the report of the Nominating committee was called and Chairman Norman submitted the following recommendation:

President, F. N. Norton, Philadelphia.

Vice-president, Dr. C. C. Williamson, New York City.

Secretary-treasurer, John A. Lapp, Indianapolis.

Member of the Executive Board, Elizabeth V. Dobbins, New York City.

On motion made by Mr. Lee and passed, the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for the ticket.

Mr. Johnston moved that the by-laws be so amended as to permit the ex-presidents of the Association to be members of the Executive Board and that a new office of assistant secretary be created. Motion was seconded and passed.

Chairman Cunningham of the Committee on clippings made a progress report and upon motion of Mr. Lapp, properly seconded and passed, the committee was continued with instructions to present a final report at the 1917 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnston that appointment of an assistant secretary be left to the incoming Executive Board. Motion seconded and passed.

Mr. Lee moved that members of the Advisory Board be provided with regular forms for the making of district reports.

At this point adjournment was taken to 6 p. m.

ADJOURNED SESSION

The adjourned session was called to order in the Palm Room of the New Monterey at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Lapp moved that the Executive Committee be authorized to make arrangements with the secretary and man-

aging editor for the payment of clerical help in the office of the secretary and managing editor. The motion received a second and was passed.

Mr. Lapp moved that authority be given the Executive Board to make payment from the Association's funds, when conditions allow, of certain indebtedness to Lillian Henley for services rendered. Motion seconded and passed.

Miss Marian R. Glenn moved that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to act as a Committee on relation of business libraries to industrial organizations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lapp and passed. The president appointed Miss

Glenn, Chairman, and Mr. Lapp and Miss Dobbins.

Mr. Lapp moved that it be expressed as the sense of the Special Libraries Association that of the three plans proposed by the Committee on national center for municipal information the so-called second plan or the development of the public affairs information service gives the most promise and that the committee be asked if it is feasible to work out a plan along this line. The motion received a second and was passed.

The meeting adjourned.

J. Cunningham, Secretary.